

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ERICA DENISE FOSTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

No. 24-CV-7209 (RA)

ORDER

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before Magistrate Judge Figueredo.

If both parties consent to proceed before Judge Figueredo, counsel for the defendant must, **within two weeks of the date of this Order**, file a fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, a copy of which is attached to this Order (and also available at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge>). If the Court approves that form, all further proceedings will then be conducted before Judge Figueredo rather than before me. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as it would be from this Court if the consent form were not signed and so ordered. An information sheet on proceedings before magistrate judges is also attached to this Order.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before Judge Figueredo, the parties must file a joint letter, **within two weeks of this Order**, advising the Court

that the parties do not consent, **but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent.** At that time, the Court will then refer this case to Judge Figueredo for a report and recommendation on any motion for judgment on the pleadings. The parties are free to withhold consent to conducting all further proceedings before Judge Figueredo without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 4, 2025  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'RA', followed by a horizontal line.

Ronnie Abrams  
United States District Judge